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Editorial.

THE MENTAL NURSE QUESTION.

IN our wide and lengthy knowledge of the Nursing world we have never known a question which has aroused such deep and general interest amongst both Nurses and the public as the suggestion that Lunatic Attendants should be registered as Trained Nurses. It will be observed from a letter which we publish in another column, this week, that influential Nurses have determined to hold a meeting in London to discuss this question and to lay the grounds, for their opposition to it, before the public. This appears to us to be a wiser course of procedure than that which is advocated by some of our correspondents, of taking legal measures to protect the rights conferred upon them by the Charter of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

There is, however, one question which has been addressed to us this week, and which we would take this opportunity of answering, as it seems to us to be both pertinent and important. A distinguished politician, who, we feel honoured to find, is a "most interested reader" of this journal, asks how it is "possible that Nurses have permitted such a flagrant proposition to have been accepted by their Association." To which we reply that the matter was sprung upon the General Council of the Association by Dr. Outterson Wood, who is

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